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TAGS: PORG, UNSC, MARR, IS, LE, XF
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: SITUATION AS OF 1515 LOCAL JULY 31 AS KNOWN TO UN

1. UNHQ JERUSALEM SAYS BETWEEN 1520 AND 1535 LEBANESE TIME, 18 ARTILLERY OR MORTAR ROUNDS FIRED FROM AROUND MARJOYOUN LANDED IN KAWKABA AREA. FIRING STILL IN PROGRESS. UNHQ JERUSALEM HAS AGAIN APPEALED TO IDF LO LEVINSON TO INTER-CDED WITH HADDAD TO CEASE FIRING AND TO PERMIT TRANSIT OF LEBANESE CONVOY. UN AWARE OF AMBASSADOR LEWIS'S APPROACH TO WEIZMAN AND IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF US SUPPORT.

2. AS RESULT OUR EXCHANGES, SIILASVOU'S OFFICE HAS SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ERSKINE:
(A) IN VIEW CONFUSION IN BEIRUT AS TO UNIFIL POSITION AND ACTIONS, ERSKINE WAS URGED TO STATE FACTS TO GOL ASAP.
(B) IN ADDITION TO PLANNED UNMO ESCORT OF CONVOY, UNIFIL SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE ESCORT IF NECESSARY. (COMMENT: UNMO'S DO NOT HAVE ARMORED VEHICLES, UNIFIL DOES.)
(C) MESSAGE REMINDS ERSKINE OF HIS POSITION PARA EIGHT JERUSALEM 2063 THAT TEMPORARY DEPLOYMENT IN NORBATT
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PREFERRABLE TO POLITICALLY DISASTROUS RETURN TO NORTH IN EVENT PASSAGE CANNOT BE NEGOTIATED WITH HADDAD JULY 31.

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